SOC. ANTIQVARIORVM LONDINI

By the King.

A Proclamation for the ſuppreſsing of Felons and Outlawes, their Aiders and Abettors, by bringing them to be anſwerable to the ſeuerall Lawes of the ſeuerall Realmes of *England* and *Scotland*.

WHereas VVee are informed by the chiefe Landlords and Inhabitants of the lands and poſſeſſions next adioyning to the Outbounds of Our Kingdomes of England and Scotland, That by the great and generall intercourſe, ſecret practiſes, and combinations of Outlawes, Felons and Malefactors of both thoſe Kingdomes, diuers and ſundry Outrages and Felonies haue beene by them committed, to the great hurt, damage and preiudice of Our good and dutifull Subiects, contrary to the Weale and peaceable gouernement of both Our ſaid Realmes: We hereupon taking into Our tender and Princely conſideration, the ſpeedy reformation of ſuch ſo enormious miſchiefes and inconueniences, and calling to mind that ſundry the chiefe Landlords of the lands and poſſeſſions next adioyning to the frontiers of Our ſaid two Kingdomes, were contented to vndertake to Our late Father of bleſſed memory, That their Tenants vnder them, ſhould be anſwerable to Our Lawes, for any Felonie or other Capitall crime they ſhall be charged with; and if the partie or parties delinquent ſhould happen to flie before he or they ſhould be apprehended, and the partie grieued ſhould by courſe of Law indict and conuict the partie or parties delinquent of the ſaid Felonie or Felonies; that then the ſaid Landlord to whom the forfeiture of ſuch partie or parties conuicted ſhould accrue, ſhould make reſtitution to the partie grieued, of ſuch goods as were ſtollen from him by the ſaid partie or parties conuicted, by the ſight of two Juſtices of Peace of the ſaid County where the ſaid Felonie was committed, to be indifferently choſen by the ſaid party grieued, and the ſaid Landlord:

The ſaid Landlord being lawfully authorized by himſelfe, his Officers & Seruants to ſearch for & to apprehend any Felons, Fugitiues, Receitors, Abettors, Out-putters, or any other ſuſpected perſons ſecretly lurking, remaining, or being within the ſaid Landlords bounds or limitts, and him or them to bring and make anſwerable to the ſeuerall Lawes of Our ſaid Kingdomes; Of which ſaid vndertaking Wee well approoue; and by this Our Proclamation doe ſtraitly charge and command, all chiefe Landlords in the Counties of Cumberland and Northumberland, whom it may in any ſort concerne, to put the ſame in execution to the vttermoſt of their power; And hereby accordingly giuing them, their Officers and ſeruants, full and abſolute power and authority to ſearch for all manner of Felons, Fugitiues, Outlawes, Receitors, Abettors, Out-putters, or any other vnknowne or ſuſpected perſons ſecretly lurking, remaining, or being within euery or any of the ſaid ſeuerall chiefe Landlords bounds or limitts, and them to apprehend and make anſwerable to the ſeuerall Lawes of Our ſaid Kingdomes.

And Wee doe hereby further forbid, forewarne, and ſtraitly charge and command all and all manner of perſons, inhabiting any where within Tenne Miles of the ſaid Outbounds and frontiers of either of Our ſaid kingdomes, to forbeare to harbour, receiue, entertaine or relieue any Felon, Fugitiue, Outlaw, vnknowne or ſuſpected perſon, wherein if any bee diſcouered to offend after the Feaſt of the Annunciation of the bleſſed Virgin Mary next enſuing, Wee Will and command all and ſinguler the ſaid chiefe Landlords, their Officers and Seruants, forthwith to apprehend all ſuch offendors, in whoſe ſeuerall bounds or limitts they inhabite, and them to preſent to the next Juſtice of Peace of the County where they ſhall be apprehended, whom wee ſtraitly charge and command inſtantly to commit them to the next Gaole, there to remaine without Baile or Maineprize, vntill the partie or parties ſo harboured, receiued, entertained or relieued, doe yeeld themſelues to be brought forth and perſonally appeare before the Seate of Juſtice, to anſwere and abide their Tryalls for ſuch their Offences, as on Our behalfe they ſhall be charged with, according to the ſeuerall Lawes of Our ſaid ſeuerall Kingdomes.

Giuen at Our Palace of Weſtminſter, the fiue and twentieth day of February, in the eleuenth yeere of Our Reigne.

God ſaue the King.

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